

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 13-21, without prejudice, and amend claims 1 and 2, as shown below.

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the Application:

Claim 1 (currently amended): A bottle stopper for a bottle, which bottle stopper comprises a body having a sealing member which sits within a neck of the bottle in use and which extends radially outwardly to seal the bottle neck, the stopper further having a passageway extending upwardly therethrough to communicate with an interior of the bottle and which incorporates or communicates with a chamber within the stopper in which is housed an oxygen-scavenging medium or oxygen absorber, wherein the stopper further [[has]]comprises a closure to close the passageway between the chamber and the interior of the bottle, wherein when the passageway is closed the oxygen-scavenging medium or oxygen absorber is not in communication with the interior of the bottle and when the passageway is open, the oxygen-scavenging medium or oxygen absorber is in communication with the interior of the bottle, the stopper further comprising an actuator, the closure being and which is operable by [[an]]said actuator, that is the actuator being external to the bottle in use to enable the user to open the passageway when the stopper is in place.

Claim 2 (currently amended): A bottle stopper as claimed in Claim 1, wherein the bottle stopper has a longitudinal axis and comprises a mechanism for compressing the sealing member substantially axially of the stopper to expand the sealing member laterally/substantially radially of the stopper into sealing contact with the neck of the bottle.

Claim 3 (previously presented): A bottle stopper as claimed in Claim 2, wherein the actuator for opening the closure for the passageway is the same as or coupled to an actuator of the mechanism for compressing the sealing member.

Claim 4 (previously presented): A bottle stopper as claimed in claim 1, wherein the oxygen-scavenging medium or oxygen absorber, comprises reduced iron or a polymer containing unsaturated carbon-carbon double bonds.

Claim 5 (previously presented): A bottle stopper as claimed in claim 1, wherein the oxygen scavenging medium or oxygen absorber has or is associated with an indicator to indicate when the oxygen scavenging medium or oxygen absorber has scavenged the oxygen within the bottle.

Claim 6 (original): A bottle stopper as claimed in Claim 5, wherein the indicator comprises an indicator compound which changes colour.

Claim 7 (previously presented): A bottle stopper as claimed in claim 6, wherein the indicator compound is separate from the oxygen scavenging medium or oxygen absorber and is housed within a chamber in the stopper that has a transparent wall or has a window to enable a change of appearance of the indicator to be viewed externally.

Claim 8 (previously presented): A bottle stopper as claimed in claim 5, wherein the indicator and/or oxygen scavenging medium or oxygen absorber is housed within a chamber that is externally accessible.

Claim 9 (original): A bottle stopper as claimed in Claim 8, wherein the chamber is accessible through removal of a screw-threaded or push/snap-fit cap that encloses and seals the chamber.

Claim 10 (previously presented): A bottle stopper as claimed in Claim 5, wherein the indicator is housed in an uppermost chamber having a cap with a window for visibility.

Claim 11 (previously presented): A bottle stopper as claimed in Claim 5, wherein the oxygen scavenging medium or oxygen absorber is housed in a chamber below the indicator and separately accessible by uncoupling an upper part of the bottle stopper body.

Claim 12-21 (cancelled)

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